Gas Agencies Commissioned in Assam

1628. SHRI PARAG CHALIHA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of places where new gas agencies have been commissioned so far in 1995-96 and where they are proposed to be commissioned during the remaining part of the year in Assam, district-wise;

(b) what are the norms for opening new gas agencies in small towns and big villages having population of ten thousand and more and to what extent surrounding areas are covered by the agencies to ensure maximum benefit to the rural people and to save forests; and

(c) the names of places proposed to be covered during 1996-97, district-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPTAIN SATISH SHARMA): (a) Details of LPG distributorships already commissioned and to be commissioned during the current year i.e. 1995-96 in Assam are as under:—

Commissioned			To be commissioned		
Sibsagar	—	3	Dhubri	—	1
Dibrugarh	—	1	Cachar	—	2
Jorhat	—	3	Nagaon	—	1
Kamrup	—	2	Barpeta	—	1
Nagaon	—	1			
Barpeta	—	1			

(b) and (c) LPG distributorships are opened in towns having a population of 20,000 and above as per 1991 census, in a phased manner, subject to product availability and economic viability of the location. Accordingly 16 LPG distributorships have been included in the LPG Marketing Plan 1995-96 for Assam. Potential of the adjoining villages is also taken into consideration for planning a distributorship at any location.

Disinvestment in ONGC Stocks

1629 DR. BAPUKALDATE: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to disinvest Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Stocks;

(b) the target and percentage of stock equity to be disposed of;

(c) whether foreign financial institutions will be allowed to buy the shares; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPTAIN SATISH SHARMA): (a) and (b) The Government have short-listed ONGC as one of the PSUs to be taken up for disinvestment to the extent of 5% of its paid up capital during 1995-96. In the October, 1995 tranche of disinvestment 2.5% was offered for sale.

(c) and (d) As per notice Inviting Bids, the Foreign Institutional Investors approved by Securities & Exchange Board of India (SEBI) are also eligible to bid for the shares subject to their fulfilling any conditions of purchase and ownership laid down by SEBI.

रोहला में राष्ट्रीय उद्यान पार्क से प्रभावित हुए व्यक्तियों को मुआवजा दिया जाना

1630. **श्री महेश्वर सिंह:** क्या पर्यावरण और वन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि सरकार ने हिमाचल प्रदेश के रोहला नामक स्थान में प्रस्तावित राष्ट्रीय उद्यान पार्क के विस्थापितों की विभिन्न समस्याओं के समाधान हेतु हाल ही में नई दिल्ली में एक बैठक बुलायी थी;

(ख) क्या यह भी सच है कि इस संबंध में निर्ण लिये गये थे; और

(ग) इन निर्णयों के आधार पर क्या कार्रवाई की गयी है और कितने स्थानीय लोगों को रोजगार प्रदान किया गया है?